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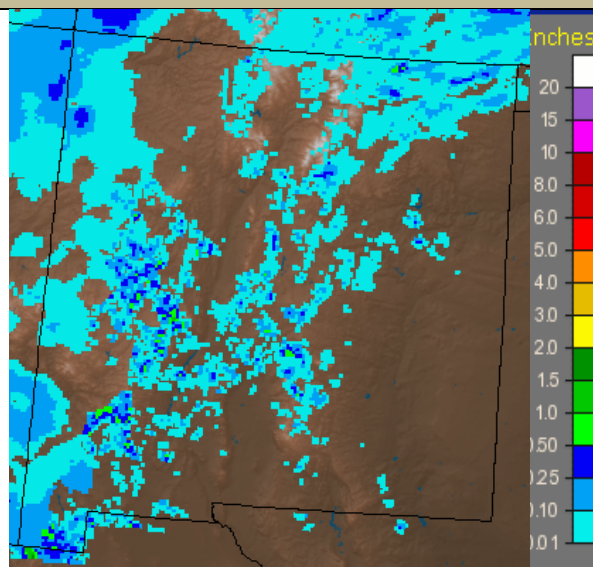
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING September 2, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; fourth cutting 98% complete; fifth cutting 54% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair to excellent; 88% setting bolls; 7% bolls opening. Corn conditions were mostly fair to good; 100% silked; 67% dough; 25% dent; 2% mature; 50% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to poor; 74% headed; 10% turning color. Winter wheat 10% planted. Peanut conditions were mostly fair; 90% pegging. Chile conditions were mostly good to fair; 50% green harvested. Apple conditions were mostly good; 15% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Topsoil moisture was 50% very short, 39% short and 11% adequate. Wind damage was 11% light, 4% moderate and 1% severe; with cotton 80% damaged and sorghum 55% damaged. light hail damage was reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation September 3, 2012



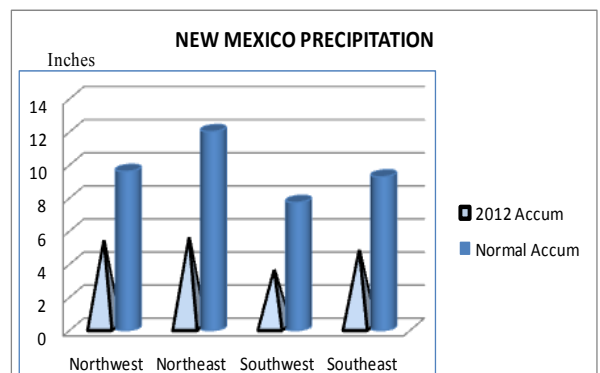
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	4th Cut	98	96	94	89
Alfalfa	5th Cut	54	36	38	43
Chile	Hvst Green	50	26	61	63
Corn	Mature	2	-	2	15
Corn	Silked	100	98	98	100
Corn	Dough	67	38	69	82
Corn	Dent	25	12	35	44
Corn	Silage Hvst	50	35	12	7
Cotton	Bolls Opn	7	5	19	18
Cotton	Setting Boll	88	86	77	86
Peanut	Pegging	90	88	89	92
Sorghum	Headed	74	43	63	71
Sorghum	Trn Color	10	4	19	26
W Wheat	Planted	10	-	4	13

Additional Comments: **Taos:** Production in the county is 30% to 50% below normal, crops and grazing lands continue to be dry. **De Baca:** Ranchers continue to supplemental feed, cull their livestock due to shortage of rangeland pastures. Farmers are busy cutting and baling their alfalfa hay. **Guadalupe:** No precipitation this week. Farmers continue to cut and bale their alfalfa hay. **Eddy:** We had some spotty rain over the whole county. If you were lucky and got some rain there are some annual forbs. 65% if the pre-annual grass are dead. They should have received enough moisture to green up by now. Hope we get some seed coming up soon. **Luna/Grant:** Pasture conditions have only changed slightly in sparse areas. The majority of the pasture lands still do not have adequate moisture to sustain the livestock through the winter months. **Chavez:** Hot, dry week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	7	6	19	67	1
Chile	3	30	30	37	-
Corn	2	5	43	35	15
Cotton	5	18	34	16	27
Peanut	15	35	50	-	-
Sorghum	46	23	29	2	-
Cattle	26	30	36	8	-
Sheep	20	36	34	10	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	48	48	4	-
Northeast	58	42	-	-
Southwest	45	24	31	-
Southeast	51	45	4	-
State Current	50	39	11	-
State-Last Week	50	43	7	-
State-Last Year	59	37	4	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	22	38	38	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	20	46	34	-	-
Northeast	54	37	9	-	-
Southwest	25	23	43	9	-
Southeast	56	30	14	-	-
State Current	44	31	23	2	-
State-Last Week	47	32	18	3	-
State-Last Year	57	27	11	3	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	17	19	31	26	7



Weather Summary

An upper level high coupled with very dry air aloft provided New Mexico with a very warm and dry week. An isolated storm or two over the northwest and northern mountains late in the week were the only sources of precipitation. Sites that received some rainfall included Farmington with 0.02 inches, Chama with 0.02 inches and Gallup with 0.01 inches. The strong and warm high over New Mexico led to above average to well above average temperatures across the entire state. Some of the highest departures from normal included Clayton by 10 degrees, Santa Fe by 10 degrees and Albuquerque by 9 degrees.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – August 27 – September 02, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 27 Aug –02 Sep	Month 01 Sep-02 Sep	Accum. 01 Jan-02 Sep	Normal Sep	Normal Jan-Sep
Northwest								
Albuquerque	79.1	95	65	0.00	0.00	5.29	1.00	7.06
Chama	63.5	87	40	0.02	0.02	10.37	2.23	16.13
Farmington	76.3	92	59	0.02	0.02	1.71	0.97	6.33
Gallup	69.4	90	46	0.01	-	4.24	1.31	9.67
Grants	67.1	90	43	0.00	0.00	5.73	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	69.7	93	41	0.00	0.00	0.98	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	71.0	86	53	0.00	0.00	4.99	2.12	15.30
Red River	57.6	79	38	0.00	-	10.03	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	73.1	93	54	0.00	0.00	4.00	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	67.7	91	38	0.00	0.00	8.80	2.22	15.30
Clayton	75.6	96	58	0.00	0.00	4.45	1.77	13.38
Clovis	75.4	96	56	0.00	0.00	2.27	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	66.6	90	46	0.00	0.00	6.04	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	67.3	91	42	0.00	0.00	7.41	1.61	10.67
Raton	68.0	90	47	0.00	-	6.69	1.61	14.64
Roy	69.6	86	52	0.00	0.00	4.39	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	78.3	100	55	0.00	0.00	3.56	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	78.1	96	62	0.00	0.00	4.63	1.68	8.76
Deming	77.7	99	59	0.00	0.00	2.53	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	70.9	91	49	0.00	0.00	3.74	1.95	12.74
Quemado	66.3	82	50	0.00	0.00	6.36	1.73	11.41
Socorro	77.8	96	60	0.00	0.00	1.47	1.53	7.37
T or C	78.1	95	61	0.00	0.00	2.07	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	76.9	97	58	0.00	0.00	0.60	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	78.3	98	58	0.00	0.00	7.31	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	72.6	92	54	0.00	0.00	3.55	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	78.9	98	61	0.38	0.00	3.06	1.36	7.28
Roswell	75.6	96	56	0.00	0.00	4.52	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	61.8	82	41	0.00	0.00	7.57	2.50	17.53
Tatum	73.9	95	52	0.00	0.00	6.14	2.36	13.53

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.